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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *W.C.S.* DATE: 12/19/63FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *D.J.B.*SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
AGENCY (CIA)

Information developed by Mr. DeLoach has indicated that John McCone, Director, CIA, has attacked the Bureau in a vicious and underhanded manner characterized with sheer dishonesty. If the facts are true, we can safely assume that McCone will continue such tactics to the point of seriously jeopardizing Bureau prestige and reputation. We can sit by and take no action or bring this matter to a head. Over the years, we have had numerous conflicts with all CIA Directors. Many of these problems have arisen from statements attributed to these men. Experience in dealing with CIA has shown that a firm and forthright confrontation of these officials has protected Bureau interests in a most effective manner. If McCone is involved in such nefarious activity, there is a way of putting a stop to this.

The charges against McCone can be described as follows:

(1) He allegedly informed Congressman Jerry Ford that CIA had uncovered a plot in Mexico City indicating that Lee Harvey Oswald had received \$6,500 to assassinate President Kennedy.

(2) McCone allegedly made this same statement to Drew Pearson.

(3) In both instances, the statements were false and McCone should have known that they were false since his agency was fully informed that the story concerning the receipt of money in Mexico was completely discredited.

ACTION:*1105-4255*  
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If approved, the Liaison Agent will confront McCone with the allegations. Congressman Ford will not be identified but will be referred to as a high-ranking Government official. Bureau

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Branigan  
1 - Liaison *QJ*  
1 - Mr. Papich *W.W.*  
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sources will not be identified. McCone will be told that information received by the Bureau indicates that he has made false statements and it will be pointed out to him that his own agency was fully informed that the story regarding Oswald's receipt of money in Mexico City was completely discredited. He will further be told that we can only characterize his actions as a vicious and unwarranted attack against the Bureau.

If McCone did make the referred statements, we can expect him to make a denial. However, it is believed that we will have made our point and he certainly will know where he stands, will undoubtedly have a profound respect for our capabilities to be informed, and he certainly will bear all of this in mind in the event he gets any ideas of making similar statements in the future.

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